

REMARKS

Amendments have been made to the specification and the claims. Claims 1-18 have been canceled. New claims 19-30 are directed to a magneto-optical recording medium and are supported by the specification. It is submitted that the proposed amendments to the specification do not constitute new matter.

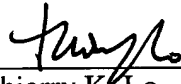
In view of the foregoing, consideration and an early allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

It is believed that this places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

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